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B) SANTO DOMINGO 2530, '7,3 21, 1974

C) STATE 279311, DECEMBER 23, 1974

1. FOLLOWING IS STATUS OF DOMINICAN REPUBLIC CAP; AS PER REF A),
ONLY EXCEPTIONS AND CERTAIN OTHER ITEMS ARE NOTED:

2. CONSTRUCTION

SECTOR. A) THE GUY F. ATKINSON CO. (SAN FRANCISCO)
HAS WON THE SABANA YEGUA DAM COMPETITION. B) MARKET STUDY ON CON-
STRUCTION SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT DELAYED DUE TO HOSPITALIZATION OF
EMBASSY'S MARKET ANALYSIS OFFICER. NEW TARGET FOR STUDY IS FEB. 15.
OTHER MARKET STUDIES SCHEDULED FOR FY1975 WILL BE SIMILARLY DELAYED.
C) SEE SD A-139, DEC. 20, 1974, FOR COMPREHENSIVE STATUS REPORT ON
ALL PENDING MAJOR PROJECTS.

3. ENERGY SYSTEMS. SEE SD 0198, JAN. 13, FOR REPORT ON EMBASSY'S
EXHIBITION OF SOLAR ENERGY PRODUCTS AND TECHNOLOGY, MARCH 17-21.

4. FOOD PROCESSING AND AGRICULTURAL EQUIPMENT. THE PACKAGING
MACHINERY MANUFACTURERS' INSTITUTE IN WASHINGTON, HAS AGREED TO
CO-SPONSOR THE EMBASSY'S EXHIBIT OF FOOD PROCESSING AND PACKAGING
MACHINERY IN MID-MAY.

5. TOURISM & LEISURE. NO EXCEPTIONS.

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6. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT. NO EXCEPTIONS.

7. CONSTRAINTS TO U.S. TRADE. NO EXCEPTIONS.

8. GENERAL AND SURVEY. A) PLANNING FOR THE CONFERENCE OF U.S. CARIBBEAN COMMERCIAL OFFICERS CONTINUES, ALTHOUGH WE REALIZE THAT BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS MAY REQUIRE A POSTPONEMENT. SITE WILL BE THE NEWLY-INAUGURATED HOSTAL DE NICOLAS OVANDO IN THE COLONIAL RESTORATION AREA OF SANTO DOMINGO, APRIL 16-18. AGENDA WOULD INCLUDE ITEMS LISTED REF C) WITH FOLLOWING ADDITION: EXECUTIVES OF THE GUY F. ATKINSON CO. AND FREDERIC R. HARRIS ENGINEERS (NY) HAVE TENTATIVELY AGREED TO LEAD PANEL DISCUSSIONS ON RELATIONS BETWEEN U.S. CONSTRUCTION AND CONSULTING ENGINEERING FIRMS AND EMBASSIES: WHAT KIND OF ASSISTANCE OR INFORMATION DO THESE COMPANIES SEEK? WHAT CAN EMBASSIES REALISTICALLY ACCOMPLISH VIS-A-VIS OFTEN POLITICALLY-SENSITIVE MAJOR CONSTRUCTION OR CONSULTING PROJECTS? B) WE HAVE IN HAND A LIST OF SOME 18 FIRST-RATE LOCAL DISTRIBUTORS WHO PRESENTLY REPRESENT OVERWHELMINGLY NON-U.S. PRODUCTS. CONTACTS NOW BEGINNING TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE ADDITION OF AMERICAN LINES. C) EMBASSY AND PUERTO RICAN COMMERCIAL OFFICE IN SANTO DOMINGO CURRENTLY ENGAGED IN JOINT CAMPAIGN TO PROMOTE ATTENDANCE AT FEBRUARY 7-9 HARDWARE/HOUSEWARE SHOW IN SAN JUAN.

9. COMMERCIAL ATTACHE MICHAEL SKOL WILL BE IN WASHINGTON JANUARY 22-24 ON PERSONAL BUSINESS. WILL CALL ON MEMBERS WASHINGTON ACTION STAFF FOR DR CAP, PARTICULARLY TO DISCUSS COMMERCIAL OFFICERS CONFERENCE, SOLAR ENERGY EXHIBITION AND FOOD PROCESSING/PACKAGING EXHIBIT.
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